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CENSUS TAKING BEGINS TODAY

Army of 70,000 Enumerators to Count Uncle Sam's Children.

NINETY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE

Is Estimate of Entire Population of United States Today. Last Census Showed 76,000,000.

This morning Uncle Sam began the numbering of his children in preparation for the 13th census. At day break this morning 70,000 enumerators, men and women, white and colored, were turned loose in pursuit of the people of the United States.

The enumeration will cover all of the 45 states and two territories of the union proper and also Hawaii and Porto Rico, Alaska, the Philippine Islands and Guam will not be included, as special arrangements are made for numbering the people of those dependencies.

Under the statute governing the work the entire enumeration must be completed in 30 days, and in the cities the work is limited to 15 days. It is probable, however, that the exact population of the entire country will not be definitely determined until some time in September. Director Durand of the census bureau confidently expects that the official figures will show a total population of upwards of 90,000,000 people. The last census in 1900 gave approximately 76,000,000, and judging from the rate of increase in the past the above figures will probably not be far out of the way.

The mere getting of this vast amount of information will cost the government about \$5,500,000. Of this sum \$4,500,000 will be paid to enumerators and the remaining million to supervisors of the census. With a few exceptions the enumerators will be paid on the basis of work done. A stated price for each farm and each name.

There will be in all about 500 women enumerators. In point of numbers New York state leads the list with 6,500, and Nevada will close the procession with but 86.

The results of the labors of this army of people will be published in 12 or 15 large volumes, which will be distributed from time to time for two or three years after the work is completed in the field. All the tabulations and general preparation of matter for the printer will be done in Washington under the direction of Mr. Durand.

The Paw Paw enumerators, as previously announced, are Arthur Hutchins in the village and John Woodman in the country. They will work under the direction and supervision of Supervisor C. F. Davison of Allegan.

GET READY FOR THE ENUMERATOR

Blanks Sent to Every Person. Should be Filled Out to Facilitate Work of Census Takers.

The census begins April 15 and must be completed in thirty days.

The enumerators will wear a badge inscribed "United States Census, 1910."

The law requires every adult person to furnish the prescribed information, but also provides that it shall be treated confidentially, so that no injury can come to any person from answering the questions.

The Census Bureau, prior to April 15, will distribute to every farm owner and tenant in this state a blank or schedule containing the census questions relative to farm operations and equipment. This should be filled up, if possible, not later than the morning of April 15, but if anyone has been unable to fill it up by that time he should do it as soon afterwards as he can.

People who do not speak English or who do not understand the schedule completely should get help from others, if possible, in filling it up.

The President has issued a proclamation calling on all citizens to co-operate with the census and assuring them that it has nothing to do with taxation, army or jury service, compulsory school attendance, regulation of immigration or enforcement of any law, and that no one can be injured by answering the inquiries.

It is of the utmost importance that the farm census of the state be complete and correct.

Therefore every farm owner and tenant should promptly, fully and accurately fill up the "Advance Farm Schedule" and carefully preserve it for the enumerator when he calls.

PAW PAW PEOPLE "STUNG"

Smooth Gent, Solicits Funds for Kalamazoo Children's Home. Letter States He was an Imposter.

Another fakir has been here and departed. He found the Paw Paw people "Easy Money" but did not tarry long.

Several days ago a well dressed, courteous appearing gentleman (?) appeared in Paw Paw and made it his business to solicit funds for the children's home in Kalamazoo. Some people suspected that it was a graft as the Kalamazoo institution was never known to solicit funds in that manner and The True Northerner is in receipt of a letter from the board of managers of the children's home which confirms their suspicions.

The letter states that no solicitor had ever been sent here to solicit aid for the home, and that any person who represented himself to be an authorized agent from the home was an imposter.

An imposter of that kind is the worst kind of a villain. The next solicitor for some worthy object will meet with a cool reception on account of the grafter who preceded him.

DEATH OF FORMER PAW PAW CITIZEN

Wm. Floyd Stewart, Former Proprietor of Candy Kitchen Here, Passed Away in Racine, Wisconsin.

A letter from Mrs. Ella Stewart, conveys the sad news of the death of her husband, Wm. Floyd Stewart at their home in Racine, Wisconsin on Sunday, April 3.

Mr. Stewart was formerly a Paw Paw business man, and proprietor of the candy kitchen, which he sold to the present owner, Mr. Borst, on account of failing health. His illness dates back from that time. After leaving Paw Paw he underwent an operation at Harper hospital, Detroit. He apparently recovered from the operation, and bought a place in Racine. Soon after he began to fail again, and eventually suffered a stroke of paralysis, which confined him to the bed for twenty-two weeks. He was at St. Mary's hospital seventeen weeks, and under the care of a trained nurse all the time. He was 36 years of age, and was taken back to his old home in Peoria, Illinois for burial.

Mrs. Stewart is bearing her deep affliction as bravely as possible and will continue the business at 419 Sixth St., Racine Wis. Her many Paw Paw friends will extend to her their sympathy in the hour of her bereavement.

THIRTY-ONE YEARS' SERVICE

As Sexton of Prospect Cemetery. Has Buried 1,200 Bodies. Retires and Moves to Town.

After 31 years' service as sexton of the Prospect Hill cemetery, Wm. Long has resigned and will move to town.

Mr. Long began work in the cemetery for the late I. W. Willard in April, 1873. At that time there were but eight graves in the cemetery. Since that time he has buried 1,044 bodies there, besides 152 in the Catholic cemetery, three in the Bangs cemetery east of town and one in the old cemetery.

He has been a careful, painstaking sexton, and it is with regret on the part of lot owners that he has retired. His place will be taken by a Mr. Smith.

BENEFIT TO FRUIT GROWERS

Michigan Fruit Exchange Advance Published by A. D. Benway. Full of Facts and Figures.

The True Northerner's job department printed this week for A. D. Benway, manager of the Michigan Fruit Exchange, 1000 copies of a four page six column paper called "The Michigan Fruit Exchange". It is in the interest of the Exchange, and is chock full of facts and figures of interest to the grape growers. Tables are given showing comparative prices received by the various associations. Cuts of the various kinds of spraying machinery are shown, and helpful hints on the grape culture are given. The work is a credit to Mr. Benway, and will prove beneficial to the fruit grower who reads the same.

IMPROVEMENTS AT DEPOT.

Extensive improvements are under way at the K. L. S. & C. depot. The building is being enlarged and a new office room arranged. What is now the office will be put into the waiting room, making it roomy and commodious.

JOINS HUSBAND IN SOUTH.

Mrs. Bernice Paige and children left last Tuesday for New Orleans, where they expect to remain with her husband during the base ball season.

VISITING HIS MOTHER.

Harry Wilson is home from the U. of M. to spend the vacation with his mother and sister here. A gentleman friend from the university accompanied him.

PAW PAW HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GAVE FINE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT

The senior class entertainment at the opera house last Friday evening was a great success, as was evidenced by the crowded house and the pleased and interested countenances upward turned to the stage, where all interest was centered.

Here was to be seen the young and winsome girl graduate, the pretty Miss of the lower grades and the handsome and stalwart youth, all making their debut as gay and catchy actresses and actors.

The first part was a funny little sketch entitled "Fun in a Photograph Gallery." All those taking part showed that they were perfectly at home on the stage, and each and every one seemed especially fitted for the part assigned them. This little farce made a hit with the audience, as was shown by the hearty applause that greeted every change.

Dale Harrison entertained the crowded house so successfully as a monologist that a sigh of regret was heard on all sides when he finished his closing solo. He responded to an encore and would have been singing yet, if the audience had had their way.

A most successful program was concluded by a comedy drama in two acts entitled "Rock Allen, the Orphan." The different characters were taken by members of the senior class, and each and every one appeared with the grace and dignity that might cause much older and more experienced ones to "sit up and take notice."

Special mention is made of Merrill Fuller in the part of the old man. He proved himself more than an amateur, as not one in ten of the professionals could, even in the gait, outdistance Merrill.

Ruth Snow, as the old lady, was equally as good. She certainly looked and acted her part as a fault finding, busy old lady true to life.

We mention these two parts, as they are always hard to fill and it is quite unusual to have them so well played as they were in "Rock Allen." The whole entertainment was a success and was highly enjoyed by all, thanks to the teachers and pupils.

VILLAGE COUNCIL DULY ORGANIZED

President Mutchler Makes Appointments and Names Standing Committees.

The regular meeting of the village council was held at the council rooms last Monday evening, and the following business disposed of.

The bond of Wm. Killifer as village treasurer was approved and accepted, as were also the bonds of H. J. Dunbar and Holt and Benton as plumbers.

Trustees I. A. Whitman was elected president pro-tem of the board. President Mutchler made the following appointments which were confirmed.

Marshal and fire warden, Lewis Salisbury Village attorney, Lincoln H. Titus Supt. water works, Seth E. Allen Electrician, James O'Brien Ass't electrician, Devion W. Williams Health officer, Dr. George Jackson Policeman, Fred B. Lord

Clarence D. Richmond, W. C. Wilde, and A. W. Showerman were appointed as a special board of assessors.

The president announced the following standing committees.

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| Streets | Whitman, Bassett, Hall |
| Electric lights | Bassett, Flook, Avery |
| Fire and water | Snow, Whitman, Bassett |
| Sewers | Hall, Snow, Flook |
| Finance | Flook, Whitman |
| Health | Whitman, Bassett |
| Claims | Avery, Flook |
| Licenses | Snow, Avery |
| Printing | Hall, Snow |

Claims were allowed in the sum of \$508.58.

SOCIAL EVENT AT THE CLUB.

The eighth social session of the Maple City club held at the club rooms last Saturday evening was an enjoyable affair. The vocal solos by Mrs. Neil Chapell and readings by A. Lynn Free were especially enjoyed and each responded to an encore. Fischer's orchestra was at its best and taken all together the event was one of the many pleasant social evenings at the club during the past year.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB MEETING.

The meeting of the Fellowship club, which was to have been held at the home of E. E. Downing on Wednesday evening of this week, was postponed to Wednesday evening, April 20. Don't forget the time and place, the home of E. E. Downing, Wednesday evening of next week. There should be a good attendance.

FINE SUITE OF OFFICES.

Offices for the Maple Lake Improvement association over the E. Smith & Co. store have been completed and new furniture and rugs put in place. These rooms as arranged make one of the nicest and most complete suite of offices in the village. W. J. Thomas is manager of the company.

GETTING RIGHT OF WAY.

S. B. Downer, chief engineer for the Michigan, Indiana & Chicago Electric Ry. Co., was in Paw Paw the first of the week. He states that he expects to get the right of way from Benton Harbor to Kalamazoo all closed up this week and that work will then commence. The company does not propose to use the highway on any part of the route, but will purchase right of way from property owners along the line.

CARING FOR AGED MAN.

George Weston is at Lawton caring for Frank Fuller, an old gentleman 70 years of age, who recently suffered a stroke of paralysis. The afflicted man is some better and able to be taken out in a wheel chair on nice days, but is as helpless as a baby.

FROM KAZOO IN 37 MINUTES.

Paw Paw autoists have made some fast drives in the past, but Howard Cooper broke all records last Sunday evening when he drove a new E. M. F. car from Kalamazoo to Paw Paw in 37 minutes.

BIG MAJORITY FOR PRIMARY

Board of Canvassers Determine Majority in Favor of Judicial Primary to be 3,111.

The county board of canvassers met at the county clerk's office on Tuesday to canvass the judicial primary vote. It was a short job and the official figures were found to be as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 6805 Number in favor of nonretiring circuit judges by the primary system, 4958 Those voting "No," 1847. Majority in favor of the proposition, 3111.

Every precinct in the county gave a majority in favor of the primary. The largest number of votes cast against the question in any precinct was 160 in Antwerp out of 370 votes cast. Paw Paw cast 538 votes on the question, 120 of which were "No" and 418 "Yes."

FROM THE PEN OF JULES DES VOIGNES

"A Pilgrimage to Yesterday" in Circle Magazine Shows Pleasing Style of Popular Writer.

The Circle magazine is of special interest to Paw Paw people this month. Jules Verne Des Voignes, son of Judge and Mrs. L. B. Des Voignes, who is well known here, has a story in this number. The title of the story is "A Pilgrimage to Yesterday," and it deals with the ordinary life of a circus man in the days of the one ring circus and overland jaunts from one town to another. The story is well written and intensely interesting.

This young writer is now located in New York City. He has taken up journalism as his life work, and at present his efforts are directed to magazine stories exclusively. He has written several books, and the breezy, sunny style of his writings has already endeared the young man to the hearts of his readers. The early indications are that Jules Verne Des Voignes will make his mark among the list of famous authors.

INSTRUCTED ENUMERATORS

Supervisor Davison Held School of Instruction to Post Census Takers. Nine Here to Meet Him Tues.

C. F. Davison of Allegan, supervisor of the census for the fourth congressional district was in Paw Paw last Tuesday afternoon to hold a school of instruction for census enumerators. He held a similar meeting at South Haven in the forenoon and at Hartford last Friday.

In that manner the whole county was covered. There were nine present at the Paw Paw meeting, and the questions that were not asked, could not be conceived by human mind. There are 174 enumerators in Mr. Davison's district, and they have all been instructed ready to begin their work this morning.

JURORS HAVING GREAT TIME

Entertained at Mrs. Harrett's Wednesday Evening. County Officials and Other Guests Present.

The jurors in attendance at this session of court are having the time of their lives. A goodly number of them are stopping at Mrs. Harrett's boarding house and it has been one continual round of pleasure during the time they have been here.

Last Wednesday they entertained the county officials and other invited guests. All unite in saying that it was one of the most enjoyable evenings of the term. An impromptu program was given, consisting of readings, music and off-hand remarks by those present. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the house and in appreciation of the same the jurors presented them with elegant souvenirs. The raffling of the "coin cake" and Henry George's speech by McGowan were the features of the evening.

COMPLIED WITH LAW.

A new state law requires all who practice in optometry to be registered with the state board of optometry and their certificate of registration filed with the county clerk in the county in which they propose to practice. Carl Damon received his certificate of registration in optometry the first of the week and is registered according to law.

MRS. CHAPPELL HONORED.

Mrs. C. C. Chappell went to South Haven, Tuesday, to attend the county association L. O. T. M. M. She was honored with the election of Commander of the county association and also alternate delegate to the national convention which meets at Kalamazoo in June.

CHEAPER TO BE PROMPT.

Sylvester Hamilton of Hamilton township was arrested by officer McCabe last week, on a charge of leaving a dead horse unburied. He pled guilty to the charge in Justice Killefer's court and paid a fine of \$5 and costs amounting to \$5.25. It is cheaper to be more prompt in burying dead animals.

SUPERVISORS MET TO CANVASS VOTE

Official Returns Show 810 Majority in Favor of Local Option Law.

MALPINE ELECTED CHAIRMAN

Unanimous Vote of Board for Hartford Supervisor for New Chairman.

Pursuant to statute, the board of supervisors met at the court house last Monday to canvass the local option vote. Following is a correct transcript of the proceedings of the meeting:

Van Buren county clerk's office, Paw Paw, Michigan, April 11, 1910.

Be it remembered that on this 11th day of April, A. D. 1910, the board of supervisors of the county of Van Buren met, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, at the office of the county clerk, in the village of Paw Paw, in said county.

Whereupon the roll was called by the clerk of said board and the following named supervisors answered to their names: Walter A. Brown, Almira; Sheldon Coleman, Antwerp; F. G. Cleveland, Arlington; F. A. Burger, Bangor; M. D. Wiggins, Bloomingdale; A. Gaynor, Columbia; S. H. Shattuck, Covert; E. H. Squier, Decatur; Frank E. Warner, Geneva; John McAlpine, Hartford; Waldo E. Phillips, Hamilton; George E. Heagy, Keeler; Amos C. Benedict, Lawrence; Merle H. Young, Paw Paw; Walter A. Hall, Pine Grove; E. E. Waldron, Porter; Orlo Westgate, South Haven; John Gault, Waverly; Wm. H. Payne, South Haven City, first ward; Henry Zeadyk, South Haven City, second ward; James Martin, South Haven City, third ward.

Supervisor Young placed the name of John McAlpine in nomination for chairman for the ensuing year, said nomination being seconded by Supervisor Burger. No further nominations being made, a motion was made by Supervisor Young, the same being seconded by Supervisor Waldron, that the election of Supervisor McAlpine for chairman be made unanimous and that the clerk of the board be instructed to cast the ballot of the entire board of supervisors for Supervisor McAlpine as such chairman. Carried.

Thereupon the clerk cast the ballot of the entire board for the election of John McAlpine as chairman for the ensuing year. Announcement of the election of Supervisor McAlpine was then made by Supervisor Cleveland, the retiring chairman.

A motion was made by Supervisor Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Waldron, that the chairman appoint a committee of five to canvass the local option vote and return their report to the board. Carried.

Thereupon the chairman appointed as such committee the following named supervisors, to-wit: Coleman, Waldron, Wiggins, Benedict and Burger.

The committee appointed to canvass the local option vote submitted the following report:

Your committee on county canvass of the vote on the local option proposition and declaration of the result thereof hereby submit the following report:

Tabular statement of all the votes cast in the several townships and precincts of the county of Van Buren at the election held on Monday, the 4th day of April, 1910, on the proposition of county prohibition.

| Townships | Yes | No | Total |
|---------------------|------|------|-------|
| Almira | 105 | 104 | 209 |
| Antwerp | 311 | 286 | 597 |
| Arlington | 209 | 123 | 332 |
| Bangor | 368 | 208 | 576 |
| Bloomingdale | 304 | 192 | 496 |
| Columbia | 157 | 182 | 339 |
| Covert | 166 | 109 | 275 |
| Decatur | 390 | 237 | 627 |
| Geneva | 197 | 158 | 355 |
| Hamilton | 109 | 117 | 226 |
| Hartford | 356 | 238 | 594 |
| Keeler | 128 | 134 | 262 |
| Lawrence | 263 | 170 | 433 |
| Paw Paw | 390 | 308 | 698 |
| Pine Grove | 119 | 156 | 275 |
| Porter | 140 | 84 | 224 |
| So. Haven twp. | 115 | 145 | 260 |
| Waverly | 188 | 82 | 270 |
| So. Haven, 1st ward | 95 | 196 | 291 |
| So. Haven, 2nd ward | 202 | 192 | 394 |
| So. Haven, 3rd ward | 88 | 129 | 217 |
| Total | 4410 | 3800 | 8010 |

Respectfully submitted,

SHELDON COLEMAN,
A. C. BENEDICT,
F. A. BURGER,
MILAN WIGGINS,
E. E. WALDRON,
Committee.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wiggins, seconded by Supervisor Squier that the foregoing report be accepted and adopted. Carried.

The minutes of today's proceedings were read to the board by the clerk and the same were approved.

A motion was made by Supervisor Cleveland, seconded by Supervisor Burger, that the board adjourn. Carried.

Wm. C. MOSIER, JOHN McALPINE,
Clerk, Chairman.